

Prime Minister dedicates to the nation Advanced Night Vision factory in Nimmaluru, Andhra Pradesh

The facility to manufacture advanced electro-optical systems for the Armed Forces, reinforcing Aatmanirbharta in defence & promoting skilled employment in the region

The factory will elevate India's defence exports to newer heights: PM

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Marking another step towards *Aatmanirbharta* in defence, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation an Advanced Night Vision factory in Nimmaluru, Andhra Pradesh on October 16, 2025. The facility is among the multiple development projects worth around Rs 13,430 crore which the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for, inaugurated, and dedicated to the nation in Kurnool.

Addressing the gathering, he stated that the Advanced Night Vision factory will enhance India's capability to produce night vision equipment, missile sensors, and drone guard systems, and will elevate the country's defence exports to newer heights. He added that the entire world had witnessed the success of Indigenous weapon systems during *Operation Sindoor*.

Expressing satisfaction that the Andhra Pradesh government has resolved to develop Kurnool as India's drone hub, the Prime Minister stated that through the drone industry, several new sectors linked to futuristic technologies will emerge in Kurnool and across Andhra. He cited the success of drones in *Operation Sindoor* and affirmed that Kurnool will become a national strength in the drone sector in the coming years.

About the facility

Established by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) at an investment of around Rs 360 crore, the facility has been created to meet the demands of Armed Forces as also for Export purposes for various electro-optical devices (Advanced Night Vision Devices), Infrared Seekers for various indigenously developed missiles and different types of drone guard systems for protection from rogue drones, UAV and other aerial threats. It has been constructed at Nimmaluru, Krishna District in 50.54 acres of land with a built-up area of 36,000 sqm.

The facility will cater to the growing demands with flexible production lines and space that can accommodate future product lines and advanced manufacturing techniques. It will also generate employment over a period of 2 to 3 years.

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